



# **GRAND NATIONAL TRUCK SHOW CLASSIFICATION AND JUDGING GUIDELINES**

Please write to us for an application to one of our shows or print a copy from our website [www.rodshows.com](http://www.rodshows.com). Follow the instructions and be sure to send it in by the deadlines printed on the application. A committee picks all vehicles that are accepted into the event. A completed application along with 4 quality photos and payment are required to review your entry. We will notify you within two weeks after the application deadline of your entry status.

Your vehicle will be judged by a team of professional judges based on workmanship, detail, quality, condition, safety and originality. The entry is evaluated in the areas of body, paint, engine, interior and undercarriage. Be sure to make the vehicle accessible at all times so the judges can judge your vehicle. If a vehicle is on a turntable, be sure the judges know where the switch is. They will need to turn the switch off to judge the vehicle. If you want the engine to be judged, be sure to have the hood raised enough for the judges to see it. The same goes for the undercarriage, interior and trunk. If the judge cannot see it, he or she cannot evaluate that segment of the vehicle.

A Judges build book is a very useful tool. It is important to list all your modifications, especially those that are not easily visible. You may use photos of modifications done to the vehicle.

If you do not have stanchions and ropes, Rod Shows will supply and set them up for you at no charge. If you would like to compete for our Individual or Group Display Awards a nice display will be necessary. A well-designed display can add protection for your vehicle. Remember that a standard display area for a vehicle is 10'x 20'. If your display warrants a larger area, you must designate this on the application for pre-approval from the Show Manager. The use of a sign can be very helpful in explaining to the spectators what has been done to the vehicle and listing persons and sponsors involved in the project.

**It is the responsibility of participant, and also mandatory that your show card be on display at all times during the show and on set-up day.** It must also be

available for judges to write the vehicle classification on. Deadline for getting your card out is 1 hour before the show opens on the first day. at that time, you will be placed in NON-COMP **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**. The only time that your show card is not on display is when you bring it to the trophy presentation. You must have your show card with you to receive awards.

Please read “Rules and Regulations” section of this handbook for complete information. If you have any questions or need more information, contact us at:

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## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Any infraction of the rules and regulations could result in a loss of a finishing position.

1) All work on vehicle displays must be completed 15 minutes before the show opens for business.

You will be allowed to clean, dust and work on your vehicle one (1) hour before the show opens each day.

2) Standard vehicle displays are 10'x20'. If your display warrants a larger area, you must get permission from Show Manager and have included the request on your entry form with pictures of the display. The standard motorcycle display area is 10'x10'.

3) Displays must abide by all fire marshal rules and building regulations. All boxes and supplies must be removed from display during show hours.

4) All displays should be built to be free standing. The display should be designed so the judges can see everything on a vehicle to be judged.

5) Only one (1) vehicle in competition will be allowed in an individual display. If more than one (1) vehicle is in an individual display, the display will not be eligible for the Individual Display Awards.

6) No obscene wording, drawings, photos, etc. will not be allowed on a vehicle, sign or display area. You will be disqualified.

7) Electricity is not included for your display but maybe purchased. One 110-volt power receptacle with a 500 watt max per vehicle. A three wire grounded system must be used throughout your cord system. If the vehicle needs more power it must be stated on show application and pre-approved by the Show Manager.

8) Engines of vehicles are not allowed to run during show hours. If the vehicle is started during show hours, you may be disqualified.

9) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the display area during set-up or show hours.

10) No animals will be allowed in building during show hours.

- 11) You will not be allowed to sit or lounge in or around your display during show hours.
- 12) No "For Sale" signs allowed on or around vehicles. If a small sign is painted on a vehicle it may be no larger than 2x3.5 and must be pre-approved by show management for it to stay on. If not approved in advance, it must be removed or taped over. Vehicles not getting prior approval may risk being disqualified or moved down a class position.
- 13) All parts of show vehicles must stay in display area, i.e., rims and tires, hood, removable top, etc. All entries to be judged should have doors, hood and trunk open until notified that the car has been judged. Two round colored stickers will be applied to your identification card notifying you that the car has been judged. It may be necessary to have the vehicle reviewed again after the first round of judging. Please make sure that your car is open.
- 14) All vehicles with belly pans must have access to the undercarriage for the judge. If the judge cannot see the undercarriage, this area will not be given judging points.
- 15) It is not mandatory, but highly recommended that you have a book with information and photos listing modifications and details that you want to emphasize.
- 16) Do not forget to abide by the fire marshal's regulations. Tape gas caps or have a locking gas cap. Disconnect battery, have a drip pan, use a fire retardant material on displays and use a three wire ground electrical system.
- 17) Displays may not be torn down until trophy presentation is over and announced that the show is over.
- 18) During set up and tear down, reckless or careless driving and unnecessary noise will not be allowed.
- 19) If your entry is a single in a class, the judging staff may place you in another class.
- 20) Vehicles must be operable within their classification. All vehicles must run, drive forward and reverse, turn left and right, under their own power. Vehicles must be able to stop using their own braking system. The promoter reserves the right to decide if a specific class does not have to start based on public safety requirements.
- 21) A spot check maybe done upon arrival at the first show entered. All vehicles will be checked for operability with the entrant behind the wheel of the vehicle at all times. If a spot check inspector passes the vehicle, it will receive a Spot Check Sticker placed on the vehicles headlight. It is the responsibility of participant to make sure to get a spot check sticker. This sticker must remain on the headlight for duration of show. If the vehicle does not pass, vehicle may be disqualified or lowered a position for awards. The judging supervisor and manager of the show will make the final decision.
- 22) If you feel that your vehicle has been miss-classified, you have until 12:00pm on the first day of the show to contact the show judge supervisor. Please notify us in the show office of the potential change.
- 23) Vehicle protest may be made by any entrant of show. A Rod Shows judging supervisor must be in attendance to determine the requirement of said protest. All protests must be filed by 8:00 p.m. on set up day with a \$500 protest fee. If vehicle passes the supervisor's test, which will be the same test used during the spot check, the protest fee will be given to the vehicle's owner. If the vehicle is not operable, the

protest fee will be returned to the protester. The protested vehicle will have until 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the show to prove operability. Fuel, oil, water and fluids are allowed to be added to the vehicle. The battery can be charged or replaced. Adjustments may be made to the vehicle according to the supervisor in charge. Fuel must run from the tank through the fuel lines to the engine. The supervisor in charge makes the final decision.

24) When a vehicle is disqualified because of a protest or found inoperable by a judge, the vehicle will automatically be moved down one class position. The vehicle will also not be eligible for any special awards in its class.

25) Any judging discrepancies must be reported within one (1) hour after awards presentation. Under no circumstances may any exhibitor be involved in the judging process.

26) Upon conclusion of the awards presentation, you may pick up your judging sheets at the show office. To receive your judging sheets you must show your show card.

27) Rod Shows, show manager, show judges, show personnel will not be held responsible for theft of, or damage to, vehicles or display, or any articles in display.

## **JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

## **CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS**

The following will reflect what constitutes changes made to a vehicle, for the purpose of classifying the vehicle to be judged for awards.

### **CHANGES**

Changes are minor alterations made to a vehicle such as: wheels, removing glued on chrome, bolt on bumpers, bolt on grilles, minor nosing and decking, bolt on fiberglass or carbon effects, etc. Mostly items that do not require body work. Five or more changes constitute a modification.

Example:

Five (5) changes = one modification

Ten (10) changes = two modifications

Fifteen (15) changes = three modifications, etc.

The number of modifications determines the class of the vehicle in the following categories: Custom, Sports, Truck, Van and Custom Rod.

### **MODIFICATIONS**

**BODYWORK** must be involved in all the following: Louvers, Frenched or sunken antenna (one each), pan caked hood, peaked hood, rounded corners on hood, doors. Any seam filled, filled seams on the inside of doors, hoods, etc. Rolled pans front or

rear. Molded splash pans front or rear. frenched or molded bumpers front or rear. Sectioned or custom bumpers front or rear. Frenched, sunken, or tunneled license plate housing. Molded fenders. Filled windows for padded tops or Carson style tops. Gas filler relocated or filled. Side vents filled, drip rails removed, cowl vent filled, top chopped, body sectioned, or body channeled. Nosing, decking, side trim altered, grille alterations, and/or grille housing. Flush windshield and rear glass.

**THE FOLLOWING WILL COUNT IN PAIRS:** Door handles, scoops added to body, (hood or roof). Headlights, tunneled, frenched, sunken, or canted. Taillights tunneled, frenched, sunken, or canted. Wheel-well alterations.

**ON PICKUPS** the following will also count as a modification: Filled stake bed holes and end caps on the side rails. Each will count as 1 modification (6 stake bed holes filled = 1 modification). Filled tailgates, and bed changes.

**PAINT** other than stock, i.e. candy, flake, pearl, lacquer, flames, scallops, graphics, pin stripping or any other custom work, no matter how simple.

**INTERIOR**, no matter how simple or extensive, they count as one (1) modification. Includes rear compartment of pickup or van.

**ENGINE** conversion, detailed block, custom inner fender wells in engine compartment, ground block, filled firewall, smoothed firewall, twelve (12) or more bright work items on an engine compartment, one (1) modification for every twelve (12) chrome, brass, gold, aluminum, or powder coated items. Some items counted in groups or pairs. An LS, Coyote or late Hemi engine is counted as a modification.

**CHASSIS** molded frame, frame change, frame Z-ed, C-Notched, front clip, rear clip, independent rear end, or front suspension. Twelve (12) or more bright work items on an undercarriage, one (1) modification for every twelve (12) chrome, brass, gold, aluminum or powder coated items. Some items counted in groups or pairs. Custom or aftermarket frames (Art Morrison, Roadster Shop etc) is a modification.

## **MODIFICATION CLASS LIST**

Conservative = 0-4 modifications

Mild = 5-7 modifications

Semi = 8-11 modifications

Full = 12 or more modifications

Radical = must be chopped, channeled or sectioned.

## TRUCK/PICKUP CLASSES

1. **STREET ROD ROADSTER PICKUP - Pre 1935** (Un-chopped w/ fenders)
2. **ALTERED STREET ROD ROADSTER PICKUP - Pre 1935**  
Chopped and/or no fenders. (May be broken down to with fenders and w/o fenders)
3. **STREET ROD PICKUP - Pre 1935** (Un-chopped w/ fenders)
4. **ALTERED STREET ROD PICKUP - Pre 1935**  
Chopped and/or no fenders. (May be broken down to with fenders and w/o fenders)
5. **STREET ROD TRUCK - Pre 1935** (Includes C-Cabs and Panels).
6. **ALTERED STREET ROD TRUCK - Pre 1935** (includes C-Cabs and Panels).  
Chopped and/or no fenders. (May be broken with top or topless).
7. **ROD PICKUP 1935 - 1947**  
Because of body styles 1948 trucks go into a pickup category. No large trucks.  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
8. **ROD TRUCK 1935 - 1947**  
All trucks, including car carriers, flat beds, cab-over, etc.
9. **PICKUP 1948 - 1954**  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
10. **PICKUP 1955 - 1959**  
*(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).*
11. **PICKUP 1960 - 1972**  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
12. **PICKUP 1973 - 1987**  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
13. **PICKUP 1988 - 1998**  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
14. **PICKUP 1999 - Current**  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
15. **STREET MACHINE - TRUCK**
16. **PRO-STREET – TRUCK**  
Must be Tubbed
17. **PRO-TOURING- TRUCK**
18. **-CUSTOM PICKUP**  
Rancheros, El Caminos or cars made into pickups.  
(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).
18. **UTILITY WAGON**  
Suburbans, Blazers, Tahoes, Broncos, Ramchargers, etc. (May be broken down, if needed to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical. May also be broken into 2x4 or 4x4, if needed).
19. **OFF ROAD PICKUP**  
All full-sized pickups built for off roads use. No competition or competition appearing pickups. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical. May also be broken into 2x4 or 4x4 if needed).

## **20. COMPACT OFF ROAD PICKUP**

All small size pickups built for off road use. No competition or competition appearing pickups. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical. May also be broken into 2x4 or 4x4 if needed).

## **21. COMPACT PICKUP**

Chevy S10, Colorado, Ford Ranger, Toyota, Datsun, Courier, Luv, etc. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

## **23. COMPACT UTILITY WAGON**

S-10 Blazers, Broncos, Explorers, Jeeps, etc. (May be broken down, if needed to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical. May also be broken into 2x4 or 4x4, if needed).

## **24. TRUCK**

1949 thru current year large trucks. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

## **25. DUALY TRUCK**

1949 thru current year, all pickups with dually type fenders, dual tires.

## **26. LOWRIDER TRUCK**

Must have hydraulics/airbags front and rear. (May be broken down, if needed, to compact or by year breaks. Also Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

## **27. HANDBUILT TRUCK**

Built from scratch.

## **28. COMPETITION TRUCK**

Trucks used for racing, Drag Racing, Off Road, road racing etc. Not street legal.

**29. RESTORED PICKUP** - May be broken down to Early = up to 1972, Late = 1973 to current year.

## **VAN/PANEL CLASSES**

These classes include all type Vans, Panels.

### **30. STREET ROD PANEL - Pre 1935**

### **31. ALTERED STREET ROD PANEL - Pre 1935**

Chopped and/or no fenders.

### **32. ROD PANEL 1935 - 1948**

(May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

### **33. PANEL**

1949 thru current year. Panels usually have two doors in the rear of the vehicle that open out to the side. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

### **34. VAN**

(May be broken down by years and Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

### **35. LOWRIDER VAN**

Must have hydraulics / airbags front and rear. (May be broken down to Conservative, Mild, Semi, Full or Radical).

### **36. COMPACT VAN**

All years (Ford, GM, Dodge, Toyota, Honda, etc.).

### **37. OFF ROAD VAN**



All off road vans.

## **OUTSTANDING DISPLAY AWARDS**

### **DISPLAY AWARDS**

**We will reward the following Outstanding Award winners with a plaque.**

A maximum of 5 display awards may be given to 20x20 and/or 10x20 displays. Consideration will include the enclosures, rope and stanchions, and display signs. Signs should be informative and convey information to the public regarding the builder, engine, etc. If more than one entry is contained in the same display, this display will be ineligible for the Outstanding Individual Display awards.

## **OUTSTANDING AWARDS**

**We will reward the following Outstanding Award winners with a plaque.**

**OUTSTANDING DETAIL**

**OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING**

**OUTSTANDING UNDERCARRIAGE**

**OUTSTANDING PAINT – Up to 3 PAINT AWARDS GIVEN**

**OUTSTANDING ENGINE**

**OUTSTANDING INTERIOR**

## **SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS**

**We will reward the following Outstanding Award winners with a plaque & \$500.**

**SWEEPSTAKES – ROD (Pre 1948)**

**SWEEPSTAKES– CLASSIC (1949-1972)**

**SWEEPSTAKES– TRUCK 1973-Current**

**SWEEPSTAKES – COMPACT**

**SWEEPSTAKES - VAN**

## **World's Most Beautiful Truck**

**Sponsored by ARP (Automotive Racing Products) Winner will be awarded \$12,500, the WMBT Trophy, & name on the Perpetual Trophy.**

This is a separate class with separate entry and open to all modified passenger trucks, vans and SUV's. The WMBT is a special class with awards for Display, Engineering, Undercarriage, Paint, Engine, Interior, and Detail. All entrants will receive a class participation award and therefore are not eligible for other class awards.

All vehicles must run, drive forward and reverse, turn left and right, under their own power. Vehicles must be able to stop using their own braking system. All WMBT entries will be displayed in 20x20's. All entrants must bring their own display. (Photos required). The winner is determined by a panel of judges.

